MURDERER AT 13

THE ERIC SMITH STORY

WRITTEN BY ARTHUR BULLOCK

Eric Matthew Smith was born on January 22, 1980 in Steuben County, New York. He was known for brutally killing a 4-year-old boy named Derrick Robie. Savona resident Eric Smith enjoyed spending time with his grandparents Red and Edie Wilson. In his childhood years, Eric Smith was bullied twice by his peers because of his appearance – his low-set ears, freckles, and auburn hair. He was diagnosed with Intermittent Explosive Disorder which is a mental health condition characterized by explosive outbursts of anger. On August 2, 1993, Eric Smith rode his bike home from

summer camp and saw Derrick Robie. Eric lured him into a nearby wooded area. Eric Smith strangled Derrick Robie. He picked up a large rock and smashed Derrick's skull numerous times. He was also sodomized with a stick by Eric. Derrick Robie's mother Doreen went to the park to pick him up, only to find that Derrick did not arrive. After four hours of investigation, his body was found. 7 days later, Eric Smith confessed to his parents that he killed Derrick. A year later on August 16, 1994, Eric Smith was convicted of second-degree murder and rape of a minor and was

sentenced to 27 years in prison. He's been denied parole ten times since 2020. Eric Smith was granted parole last year in October 2021. After spending 27 years in prison, he was released on February 1, 2022. Eric Smith will be 43 on January 22, 2023.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Doreen Robie (Derrick Robie's Mother)

Dalton Robie (Derrick Robie's Brother)

Ted Smith (Eric Smith's Adoptive Father)

John Tunney (New York District Attorney)

Charles Wood (New York Senior Investigator)

The people and cities of Savona and Steuben County, New York.

Gowanda Correctional Facility, Gowanda, NY

Clinton Correctional Facility, Dannemora, NY

Collins Correctional Facility, Erie County, NY

Woodbourne Correctional Facility, Sullivan County, NY

COMING SOON

Spilling Blood in Warwick: The Craig Price Story

Who Killed Bulger?: The Shocking Case of Robert Thompson and Jon Venables

Butcher of Plainfield: The Ed Gein Story

Genocidal at 20: The Charles Starkweather Story

Who Framed Mister Bundy?: The Ted Bundy Story

The Real Conjuring: The Story of Ed and Lorraine Warren

From Hooker to Killer: The Aileen Wuornos Story

The Real Scream: The Shocking Case of Mario Padilla and Samuel Ramirez

The Matrix Murders: The Joshua Cooke Story

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DERRICK ROBIE

(October 2, 1988-August 2, 1993)

BULLOCK PUBLISHING 2022 ALL RIGHTS RESERVED